

BALTIC EELS

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The islanders have trapped eels here since time out of mind. Now, only one old man wrests his living from the shifting seascape. He sells the eels but doesn't eat them. In 1941, he watched a German troopship break in an autumn storm. For days, bodies washed ashore.

PENGUIN PIGEON

Steve Cushman

Driving beneath the flyover I spotted a grey bird and said penguin. My wife laughed and said pigeon, repeating it, pigeon, as if speaking to an idiot. She sighed and turned to the window, staring at something I could not see. I considered saying it was a mistake, a simple slip of the tongue, of course I knew the difference between a penguin and pigeon, but the time for stating my case seemed to have already passed.